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THIS Day his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant went to the House of Peers, with the usual Solemnity, and the Commons being sent for, gave the Royal Assent to the two following Bills, viz.

An Act for granting and continuing to His Majesty an additional Duty on Beer, Ale, Strong Waters, Wine, Tobacco, and other Goods and Merchandizes therein mentioned. And,

An Act for granting to His Majesty a further additional Duty on Wine, Strong Waters, Brandy and Spirits, and also a Tax of Four Shillings in the Pound on all Salaries, Profits of Employments, Fees and Pensions, to be applied to pay an Interest at the Rate of Six Pounds per Cent per Annum, for the Sum of Two hundred thousand Pounds, and towards the Discharge of the said principal Sum.

At the presenting of which Bills, the Speaker of the House of Commons made the following Speech to the Lord Lieutenant.

May it please your Excellency,

THIS Day the Commons of Ireland attend your Excellency, to give the strongest and most convincing Proofs of the Sincerity of the Professions they made at the Beginning of this Session, of their most dutiful Affection to his Majesty's Royal Person, and most hearty Zeal to support the Honour of his Government.

At their first Meeting they found the Nation in very difficult Circumstances. The Calamities of the Times, which no humane Wisdom could prevent or remedy, had occasioned a great Deficiency in the Revenue, and thereby a considerable Arrear to the Establishment; and these Calamities which had been the principal Cause of the great Increase of the National Debt, made it more difficult to find proper and effectual Means to discharge it.

But great as these Difficulties were, His Majesty's faithful Commons with Chearfulness and Unanimity resolved to use their utmost Endeavours to surmount them; they considered it as their own and their Country's most important Interest to support that Government, under which they enjoy so many and so great Blessings.

They thought themselves also bound in Duty and Gratitude to answer the Expectations of so gracious and excellent a Prince, whom, tho' the Exigencies of His Government obliged to demand Supplies, yet His own innate Goodness and fatherly Concern for the Welfare of his Subjects, have mov'd to desire this Provision to be made in such a Manner, as might be most expedient and least burthensome to the People.

Your Excellency now sees the happy Effects of these good and dutiful Dispositions in the Minds of the Commons; they have given larger Supplies than ever were granted in any former Session; and they present the Bills thus early to your Excellency to receive the Royal Assent, tho' they have not been yet able to finish the many useful and necessary Laws depending before them for the Good of their Country.

These, my Lord, are the greatest and most undoubted Proofs they can give of their Zeal for His Majesty's Service, and of an entire Confidence in his Goodness. Nor have they the least Doubt but that the Supplies they have granted will be strictly applied to the Uses for which they intended them, and that His Majesty will be also graciously pleased to transmit to them those Bills which may be proper to relieve this Kingdom from the Burthens under which it has hitherto laboured, and of which they have the Satisfaction to observe, that he has already so just and tender a Sense.

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